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REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Chichester,

INCLUDING A REPORT FROM THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

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REPORTS

Of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Chichester for the Year Ending March 1, 1883:—

RECEIPTS.

March 1, 1882.		
To cash in hands of treasurer,	$1,026.74	
Uncollected taxes of 1872, 1874, 1876, 1877,	258.93	
Uncollected taxes of 1880,	7.93	
Uncollected taxes of 1881,	155.00	
Resident money taxes, non-resident money taxes, highway taxes and highway winter taxes, of 1882,	4,481.60	
Tax on dogs,	37.00	
Interest on taxes,	9.20	
Savings bank taxes,	692.38	
Railroad tax,	160.83	
Literary fund,	95.22	
County, for pauper account,	376.30	
N. G. Edmunds, old bridge plank,	2.75	
C. Stanyan, use of hearse,	1.00	
A. Deering, unexpended literary fund,	2.98	
G. M. Warren, old stringers,	3.00	
S. W. Langmaid, rent of town house,	1.00	
		$7,311.86

EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures of the year have been as follows:—

Paid state tax,	$780.00
County tax,	890.18
Religious societies,	51.88
For support of schools,	1,024.24

Paid County pauper bills,	$376.30	
Town pauper bills,	139.47	
Repair of roads and bridges,	523.58	
Incidental expenses,	78.85	
Abatement of taxes,	95.83	
Town officers,	321.64	
Literary fund for books and maps,	35.00	
Damage to sheep by dogs,	3.75	
Matured town bonds paid,	1,250.00	
Coupons paid on town bonds,	590.00	
Outstanding bills,	402.25	
		$6,562.97
Receipts,	$7,311.86	
Expenditures,	6,562.97	
Cash in hands of treasurer,		$748.89

EXPENDITURES.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid Congregational Society,	$23.89	
Methodist Society,	16.51	
Baptist Society,	6.98	
Advent Society,	4.50	
		$51.88

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid School District No. 1,	$138.74	
" " 2,	154.01	
" " 4,	128.69	
" " 5,	112.90	
" " 6,	194.03	
" " 7,	74.52	
" " 8,	161.76	
" " 9,	59.59	
		$1,024.24
Amount of discount on taxes,	$174.70	
Amount of literary fund in hands of selectmen, paid to school committee,	$18.83	

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

Paid G. P. Haines, supplies for J. Puffer,	$6.50	
G. P. Haines, supplies for B. W. Thomas,	9.00	
G. P. Haines, supplies for D. Mathes,	34.00	
Joseph Morse, supplies for T. B. Marston,	14.16	
A. P. Mason, board of Persis Bennett,	100.75	
A. H. French, medical aid for Persis Bennett,	23.30	
Funeral expenses of Persis Bennett,	25.50	
S. P. Perkins, wood for B. W. Thomas,	7.50	
H. Bachelder, wood for R. McConnell,	2.50	
C. H. Carpenter, wood for D. Mathes,	10.00	
C. H. Carpenter, potatoes for D. Mathes,	.62	
S. W. Langmaid, wood for D. Mathes,	4.00	
C. Stanyan, potatoes for D. Mathes,	2.00	
C. Lake, wood for D. Mathes,	8.97	
Hannah Morgan, for aid,	36.00	
E. Bailey, board of Sally Brown,	91.00	
B. Shaw, for transient pauper,	.50	
		$376.30

TOWN PAUPER BILL.

Paid N. H. Asylum, board of Sarah J. Wood,	$139.47	$139.47

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid A. M. Drake,	$3.75	$3.75

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid C. G. Sanders, for 672 feet plank,	$11.92
C. Lake, for 1,132 feet plank,	20.37
C. Lake, for 916 feet plank,	14.65
C. Lake, labor and men employed on Centre road,	15.00
J. Morse, 37 lbs. spikes and nails,	1.48
N. G. Edmunds, labor on Ordway bridge,	5.25
N. G. Edmunds, use of team,	.25

Paid N. G. Edmunds, labor on D. Meadow bridge,	$3.50	
J. W. Smith, labor on road in Dist. No. 3,	6.40	
A. M. Drake, labor on road,	4.70	
P. C. Hutchinson, railing culvert,	1.72	
John Marston, labor on road,	5.16	
C. Lake, labor on Centre road,	1.69	
C. Lake, non-resident tax in Dist. No. 6,	2.68	
J. S. Sherburne, cutting bushes in Dist. No. 1,	2.40	
B. Shaw, labor in Dist. No. 7,	4.22	
J. S. Green, building culvert,	8.00	
A. A. Groves, labor on road,	3.75	
M. T. G. Edmunds, 93 feet plank,	1.58	
J. P. Staniels, labor on road,	3.00	
C. H. Towle, non-resident tax,	.63	
O. C. Phillips, labor on road,	4.62	
H. S. Edgerly, non-resident tax,	2.52	
G. M. Warren, labor on Ordway bridge,	5.25	
G. M. Warren, labor on D. Meadow bridge,	3.50	
N. G. Edmunds, labor on road,	1.50	
J. B. Chesley, irons for bridge,	1.00	
E. Ordway, timber for boom and labor,	3.00	
E. Ordway, repairing bridge,	1.50	
E. Ordway, 2,201 feet plank for Ordway bridge,	37.42	
Morrill & Weeks, care of bridge,	.50	
G. M. Warren, labor on Joy bridge,	1.50	
W. Langley, labor in Dist. No. 10,	2.29	
C. Stanyan, labor on D. Meadow bridge,	1.87	
C. H. Carpenter, 208 feet plank,	3.33	
B. Sanborn, non-resident receipt,	3.28	
J. P. Staniels, posts and rails,	3.00	
W. Langley, labor on road,	.50	
B. Shaw, labor on bridges,	5.25	
C. A. Langmaid, labor on bridge,	5.50	
		$205.68

REPAIR OF TURNPIKE ROAD.

Paid N. G. Edmunds, for labor, men and teams employed,	$78.37	
N. G. Edmunds, for labor, men and teams employed in building culvert,	20.00	
James Hook, labor,	.70	
N. G. Edmunds, breaking turnpike,	6.80	
		$105.87

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid C. F. Lane, District No. 1,	$28.77	
Harris Clough, " 2,	10.38	
J. W. Smith, " 3,	7.32	
S. D. Edgerly, " 4,	8.78	
C. H. Carpenter, " 5,	8.52	
C. Lake, " 6,	11.98	
B. Shaw, " 7,	22.32	
S. W. Langmaid, " 8,	7.20	
A. A. Groves, " 9,	16.16	
W. Langley, " 10,	3.26	
C. A. Langmaid, " 11,	4.61	
P. C. Hutchinson, " 12,	13.56	
H. S. Edgerly, " 13,	16.68	
L. W. Towle, " 14,	7.68	
James Hook, " 15,	11.70	
W. S. Parker, " 17,	3.50	
H. B. Langley, " 18,	6.24	
C. Stanyan, " 19,	2.50	
O. C. Phillips, " 20,	9.59	
C. H. Towle, " 21,	4.80	
C. H. Sanborn, breaking Range road,	.48	
C. Lake, breaking Centre road,	6.00	
		$212.03

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Charles Stanyan, care of hearse,	$1.00
J. E. Rand, labor on boom,	1.00
R. W. Dame, balance of school-house tax,	1.30

Paid C. Stanyan, ½ cord wood for town-house,	$2.50	
John Marston, damage to team,	4.00	
Chase & Streeter, counsel fee,	2.00	
J. B. Sanborn, stationery,	1.05	
D. L. Guernsey, invoice book,	1.00	
J. B. Sanborn, stationery,	5.34	
Arthur Silsby, discharge of execution,	15.81	
J. B. Sanborn, check-lists,	.60	
A. H. French, M. D., certificates of births and deaths,	3.25	
E. A. Jenks, stationery,	1.50	
Evans & Sleeper, printing reports,	24.00	
John Wheeler, M. D., certificate of birth,	.25	
S. W. Langmaid, board of town officers,	14.25	
		$78.85

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid J. H. Warren, labor in Dist. No, 2,	$1.50	
A. W. Perkins, cutting drifts in Dist. No. 6,	.75	
Natt Wiggin, breaking roads in Dist. No. 7,	6.96	
Nathan Marden, breaking roads,	2.00	
S. D. Edgerly, breaking roads,	2.10	
E. A. Newell, breaking roads,	3.36	
W. Langley, breaking roads,	3.49	
S. W. Langmaid, breaking roads,	1.56	
G. W. West, breaking roads,	11.37	
Asa F. Hutchinson, collecting taxes in 1881,	53.82	
R. W. Dame, school-house tax Dist. No. 5, for 1881,	67.00	
J. O. Merrill, breaking roads,	3.36	
C. A. Langmaid, balance of county tax for 1881,	100.00	
J. P. Staniels, collecting taxes for 1876 and 1877,	138.61	
H. Carpenter, breaking road, 1881,	4.37	
C. A. Langmaid, board of town officers,	2.00	
		$402.25

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Thomas Berry, loss of ox, 1882,	$ .75
William Carroll, jr., overtaxed, 1881,	1.23
Charles Lake, loss of horse, 1882,	1.32
S. W. Langmaid, loss of horse and cattle, 1882,	1.59
Moses R. Lake, highway tax in part, 1880,	1.30
Frank S. Weeks, poll tax, 1880,	1.20
John R. Rand, poll tax, 1880,	1.20
Ferdinand B. Drake, 1880,	1.20
Charles E. West, 1877,	.50
Joseph C. Perry, heirs of, 1877,	2.26
James O. Merrill, 1877,	5.25
James F. Leaver, 1877,	1.50
Charles M. Knowles, 1877,	2.27
Francis L. Knowles, 1877,	2.92
George W. Edmunds, 1877,	1.50
Chellis E. Call, 1877,	4.41
William S. Berry, 1877,	2.55
Franklin Brown, 1877,	3.75
George L. Bachelder, 1876,	1.55
Charles F. Bachelder, 1876,	2.51
Stephen O. Weeks, 1876,	.80
C. H. Elliott, overtaxed in 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877,	20.00
Stephen Perkins, overtaxed, 1872,	15.00
Asa F. Hutchinson, loss of dog, 1881,	1.00
G. A. Bailey, out of state, 1881,	1.76
S. R. Watson, loss of cow, 1882,	.34
M. D. Bickford, overtaxed on logs, 1882,	2.47
William Carroll, jr., tax paid in Loudon, 1882,	3.43
Benjamin F. Leavitt, deceased, 1882,	1.56
John R. Rand, poll tax, 1882,	1.56
Miles Randall, tax on homestead, 1882,	3.54
True Sanborn, jr., overtaxed, 1881,	2.05
John Hanrahan, left town, 1882,	1.56
	$95.83

Matured town bonds paid,	$1,250.00	
Coupons paid on town bonds,	590.00	

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Arthur Deering, services as school committee,	$30.00	
C. A. Langmaid, services as town clerk,	15.00	
C. A. Langmaid, services as town treasurer,	35.00	
Benning Sanborn, services as collector of taxes,	47.09	
G. M. Warren, services as selectman,	45.00	
G. M. Warren, care of poor and eight days' services at Concord,	23.80	
Noah G. Edmunds, services as selectman,	54.25	
Noah G. Edmunds, three days' services at Concord,	6.00	
B. Shaw, services as selectman,	41.00	
B. Shaw, one day's services at Concord,	2.00	
Charles Lake, services as supervisor,	11.50	
C. H. Elliott, services as supervisor,	6.00	
J. W. Severance, services as supervisor,	2.00	
Charles Lake, services as auditor,	3.00	
		$321.64

TOWN FUND.

Parsonage fund, loaned to town,		$864.66

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town-house, at cost,	$475.00	
Hearse and hearse-house, at cost,	150.00	
		$625.00

DUE THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	$748.89	

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN.

Outstanding town bonds,	$12,250.00	
Accrued interest on town bonds,	14.00	
Parsonage fund,	864.66	
		$13,128.66
Deduct amount due the town,		748.89
Total indebedness of town,		$12,379.77

GEORGE M. WARREN,
NOAH G. EDMUNDS,
BENJAMIN SHAW,
Selectmen of Chichester.

CHARLES A. LANGMAID, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen and town treasurer for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1883, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

CHARLES LAKE,
JOHN W. SEVERANCE,
Auditors.

CHICHESTER, March 3, 1883.

Report of the School Committee.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report of the condition of the schools in town during the year ending March 1, 1883.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term. Miss Emma Caswell, teacher.

Miss Caswell, having taught the winter term of this school, was well prepared to take up the studies where she had left them the last term, and to go on successfully with them, and she possessed the rare faculty of maintaining good government, and at the same time winning the love and respect of her pupils, together with the ability, too often lacking in teachers, to impart instruction in an intelligent and interesting manner. She took up her lessons with enthusiasm, and was enabled to impart a large portion of her own to her pupils; hence the school was a success.

Winter term. Miss Laura A. Willey, teacher.

Miss Caswell's health failing so that her services could not be obtained for the winter term, the next best thing was done in securing the services of Miss Willey, who was eminently fitted to follow so successful a teacher, and under whose management the school continued to rapidly advance in its studies. At the close of this term we felt justified in saying that the school had made the greatest advance of any school in town. One thing that aided greatly in giving success to this school was the fact that so many of the parents took a deep interest in the school, and encouraged both teacher and pupils. During the summer term 28 visited the school, and during the winter term 36 visited the school.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer and winter term. Miss Annie B. Whittemore, teacher.

Miss Whittemore taught both terms, which was very commendable on the part of the prudential committee. This school is an easy school to govern, and generally the pupils seem anxious to study. Some parents, however, are quite indifferent whether their children attend school or not, but those who attended constantly found a teacher both willing and competent to aid them in all of their studies, hence this school made good progress and passed a good examination.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer and winter term. Miss Sarah N. Wallace, teacher.

We always found this school, like the teacher, quiet and orderly and attentive to study, and we think that the school made good progress, though from diffidence the pupils were not as ready to answer questions as in some other schools, so that it did not appear as well on examination as perhaps it might.

Fall term. Miss Etta J. Batchelder, teacher.

This term was too short to hardly get under way before it closed; and we think it would have been better to have put the money into the other terms. But still, the school made fair progress under the circumstances.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer and winter terms. Miss Sadie A. Bodge, teacher.

Miss Bodge had never taught until she commenced this school, but for a young teacher succeeded *very well;* her government of the school was first-class, and yet the school seemed to govern itself. Miss Bodge tried hard to make her school first-class, and met with a very good degree of success. There was a manifest improvement in reading, especially with some of the larger pupils, who are excellent readers.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer and fall terms. Mrs. Annie S. Hancock, teacher.

Mrs. Hancock had not taught for several years, and we feared at first that she would not readily take hold of the work; but on visiting the school we found her familiar with the text-books and routine of school duties. We always found this school under good discipline, the pupils generally studious, and lessons quite well recited; and some of the smaller ones made very great progress. And at the close the examination was very creditable to the teacher.

We should say of the fall term, it had better have been put into the other terms.

Winter term. Miss Ada M. Farwell, teacher.

Miss Farwell kept two weeks before she obtained a certificate from the committee, and claimed that her certificate from the Normal School authorized her to teach without such certificate; but the law says that, "No person shall be employed or paid for services as a teacher, unless he shall produce and deliver to the prudential committee a certificate of the school committee of the town in which the district where the school is to be kept, or is deemed to be, that he is qualified to instruct youth in the branches to be taught in such school."

And in March, 1880, the Supreme Court decided that a school taught under those circumstances was a "private school."

So, according to law, Miss Farwell was not legally entitled to pay from the district for those two weeks. But at the close of the two weeks she came and was examined. She passed a good examination and we had strong hopes that she would prove a good teacher, but upon visiting the school afterward we found to our surprise the school in great disorder, with little or no attempt at government, and but very little studying and poor lessons, and we so informed the teacher. She appeared to take no notice of our remarks, but let the scholars continue their noise and disorder. We were convinced that the services of such a teacher were unprofitable to the school, and that the laws absolutely required us to dismiss her from the school. The law says, "The school committee shall dismiss any teacher whose services are found unprofit-

able to the school." From the condition in which we found the school, and the requirements of the law, we saw no way to discharge the duties we had solemnly sworn to perform, without dismissing the teacher, and so we dismissed her. She legally kept only five weeks of school for which she was entitled to pay.

We find that the prudential committee, in open violation of law, paid out of the school money for two weeks of schooling; and has also kept in his hands a large portion of the district money unexpended for schools, in open violation of chapter 85, section 7, of the laws of the state, which reads as follows: "If the money so assigned and paid over to the prudential committee of any district is not expended by him according to law, he shall be fined a sum not exceeding twice the sum so unexpended, or not legally expended, for the use of the district."

And we learn that quite a number of citizens in the district have abetted and encouraged the rebellious action of the prudential committee, and some out of the district, who stand as teachers and leaders in society, have also encouraged this unlawful action of the committee. Now it strikes us that adverse criticism and fault-finding of town officers who have endeavored to faithfully discharge their sworn duties, and who have kept within the provisions of the law, coming as it does from law breakers and their abettors, comes to say the least, with not very good grace.

CHICHESTER AND EPSOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Summer, fall and winter terms. Miss Sarah E. Clark, teacher.

Miss Clark entered this school under very unfavorable circumstances. Miss Tucker taught the winter term, and some at least of the pupils and parents became very much attached to her, and were much disappointed in not having her teach the school this year, and seemed inclined to give Miss Clark trouble on that account; but Miss Clark was not to blame for teaching the school, and neither parents nor pupils should have had any ill feeling toward her. But some of the parents, and some from whom we should expect better things, joined with their children to make trouble. We frankly admit, and have said as much to Miss Clark,

that she has not so happy a faculty to govern a school as some other teachers; but no teacher in town tried harder to govern her school than Miss Clark did. But there is no teacher in this town better qualified to impart instruction in any of the branches taught in our schools, or to explain difficulties and cause her pupils to understand their lessons, than Miss Clark. But with all of these difficulties Miss Clark kept a good school, and all of the pupils who went there to learn, and not have their own way in school, made excellent progress in their studies, and when we were in the school there was always general good order.

CHICHESTER AND LOUDON UNION DISTRICT.

Summer and winter terms. Miss Emma O. Curtice, teacher.

Miss Curtice taught a very good school in the summer, and there was good progress made in the studies, and the examination at the close was very favorable. But in the winter term, the difficulties and ill feelings with some families in the district found their way through the teacher into the school, and very marked partiality was shown in the school. Unauthorized authority was assumed by the teacher to prescribe what studies should be taken, on pain of expulsion from the school. A teacher has no right to say what any pupil shall study, and no right to suspend or dismiss any pupil from school; and the town committee has no authority to dismiss any one from school for refusing to write compositions. If scholars choose to write them it is well enough, but they cannot be made a condition of attending school. Teachers should never allow themselves to be made the tools for others to use, and town committees ought to know better than to encourage such things. The school was broken up several times by the absence of the teacher; on the whole the school was of but little benefit to the district.

CHICHESTER AND LOUDON UNION DISTRICT, No. 2.

Summer term. Miss M. Alice Saltmarsh, teacher.

The prudential committee did not notify your committee when either term of the school began or closed. The law requires the

committee of each town, in union districts, to visit and report the schools, and hence requires the prudential committee to notify the committee when the school begins and closes, and we hope that this district will choose a committee who will attend to his duty. We visited this school at its commencement, but could tell but little about the qualifications of the teacher, or her success in teaching. As we were not notified of its close we did not visit it.

Winter term. Miss Lilla Merrill, teacher.

We happened to find out when this school closed, and visited it the day before, and we were glad that we did, as we found the right teacher in the right place. We found in this school the best of discipline, which we were prepared to appreciate that afternoon. Here we found strict attention to study and excellent recitations, so that we were well satisfied that this school had made marked progress. Miss Merrill is certainly a first-class teacher.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Number of District.	TEACHER. Summer Term.	TEACHER. Winter Term.	Wages per Month, including Board.		Length of School in Weeks.		Number of Scholars.		Average Attendance.		No. of Scholars in Reading.		No. of Scholars in Spelling.		No. of Scholars in Penmanship.		No. of Scholars in Arithmetic.		No. of Scholars in Geography.		No. of Scholars in Grammar.		No. of Scholars in Other Studies.		No. of Scholars in Town Reported by Selectmen.	
			Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Boys.	Girls.
1	Emma Caswell.	Laura A. Willey.	$ 25 00	$ 28 00	8	12	27	28	26	24	27	28	27	28	24	22	28	27	24	22	8	14	4	3		
2	Annie B. Whittemore.	Annie B. Whittemore.	24 00	26 00	10	13	14	22	14	17	14	14	14	14	10	11	15	15	9	9	3	3	4	9		
4	Sarah A. Wallace.	Sarah A. Wallace.	22 00	25 00	7	7	19	19	19	18	19	19	14	19	10	5	11	7	7	6	4	6				
	Teacher Fall Term.	Etta J. Bachelder.		22 00		6		17		14		17		17		7		11		4		7		2		
5	Sadie A. Bodge.	Sadie A. Bodge.			8	11	21	24	19	21	19	24	21	24	14	23	18	21	15	12	10	6		1		
6	Annie S. Hancock.	Ada M. Farwell.	23 00	29 00	9	5	29	42	25	37	29	42	29	42		18		33		22		10		23		
	Teacher Fall Term.	Annie S. Hancock.		24 00		5		30		27		30		3												
	Chic'r & Loud'n Union.																									
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GENERAL REMARKS.

MAPS.

When we took charge of the schools we found not a school in town furnished with maps, and complaints were being made because the schools were not furnished with them. By advice of the selectmen, we procured a map of New Hampshire, and also one of the New England states, with a map of the world upon the other side, for each school; and instructed the several teachers to give exercises to the whole school upon them. We found in our visits that the schools had made good use of them. A good globe for the school would very much aid in giving a better knowledge of geography, also of the seasons of the year and the earth's daily revolutions.

NEW BOOKS.

We found in visiting the schools that the readers had been in the schools from the time whereof the memory of any man we could find ran not to the contrary; and the scholars had read them so long that they had lost all interest in them, and had but little interest in reading at all. Therefore, after careful investigation and examination of Lippincott's new series, which were offered at a very low price, we concluded to introduce them, and have been glad to learn that they have given general satisfaction.

We also found several editions of spellers in the schools, and the same lessons were arranged upon different pages, so as to make it quite inconvenient for pupil and teacher; and finding that a change could be made without any expense to parents, we also introduced new spellers.

LENGTH OF SCHOOLS.

We find that the schools in town vary in length of terms from three to seven weeks; we can see no just reason for such variation, thereby giving some districts so much advantage over others; is

not one district justly entitled to as much schooling as another? It may be said that the district that paid the most school money ought to have the longest school; then should not the man who pays the highest tax have the most schooling for his children? Equal length of schools would encourage equal settlement of all portions of the town. We find the average monthly wages and board of teachers during the past year to be $24; and that two districts had money enough for twenty-six weeks of school, while one had but nineteen weeks; now an additional amount of $200 would give all the schools in town 26 weeks of school. This is but a small amount to raise, but it would be of great advantage to your schools. As an education is the best legacy you can give your children, will you grudge them this small pittance, which will be only four cents more on each dollar you now pay as taxes. So that the man who now pays $25 will then only have to pay $26. We have two union districts in connection with the town of Loudon, for which we might appropriate half enough to give them equal length of schools and let Loudon make up the balance.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

The responsibility of securing good teachers rests almost entirely with the prudential committee; the town committee cannot judge in his examination whether the person examined has the qualifications to govern a school or to successfully impart instruction to her pupils; hence the prudential committee should make diligent inquiry in regard to necessary qualifications in a teacher. It is not enough that a teacher has been employed in a large number of schools; but has the teacher been successful in developing all the elements of a first-class teacher. Some teachers will do more to advance a school in three months than others will in six. We can hardly pay too much for a first-class teacher.

PARENTS.

Some parents have more interest in attending a town or county fair where some of their stock is on exhibition, than they have to visit the district schools where their children are being trained for life's great work. Parents cannot rely generally upon the reports of their children in relation to the character of the school. Too

many children like a teacher who lets them do about as they please, and dislike a teacher who corrects them for their bad conduct. Let the parents visit the schools several times during each term, and ascertain for themselves what kind of a school they have ; then they will be better prepared to judge in the matter. If parents are interested in anything it should be in the education of their children.

CONCLUSION.

In assuming the duties of school committee we resolved to discharge them as faithfully as we knew how, and to try and do exact justice to all, knowing that we had a very difficult task before us ; for the most difficult thing to do is to please all the children in town, for if you offend the children you offend their parents, generally, and the children often control their parents in school matters, as they are considered the best judges in those matters. But we have endeavored to faithfully do our duty, and we hope the next committee will do better. We very reluctantly accepted the office, and very gladly lay it down.

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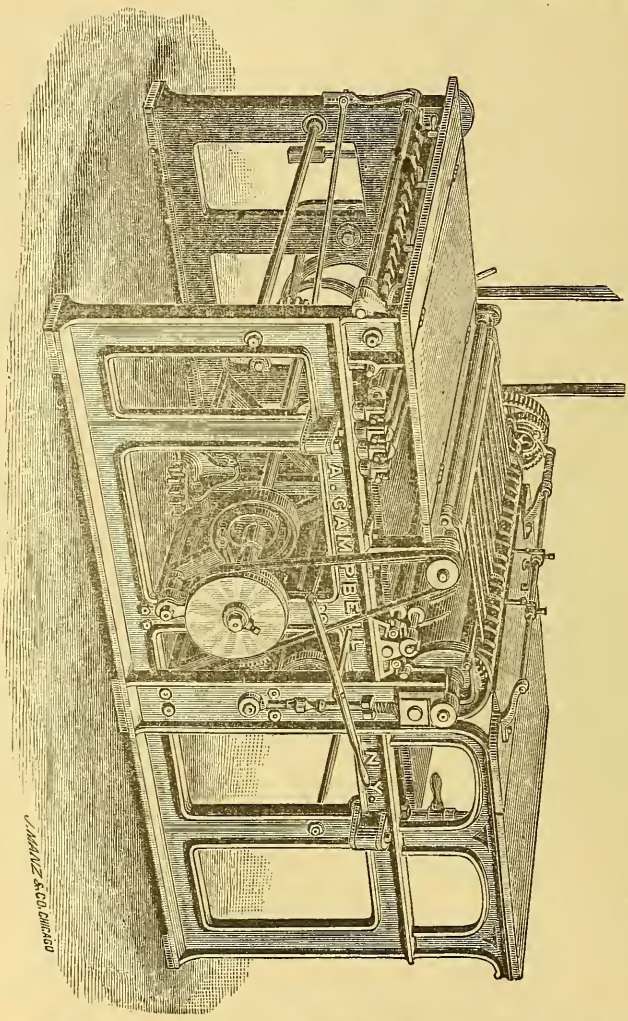

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